GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether essential commodities are being sold in various cooperative societies at different prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): The essential commodities are being sold by the Cooperative Societies after adding their margin in purchase cost. The margin of the society is fixed by the Board of Directors, being autonomous institution. The prices of these commodities are fixed after taking into account the transportation cost, warehousing charges, taxes levied by the state Govt. etc. The government normally does not interfere in commercial activities of cooperative societies.